

Domestic Relations Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
May 21, 2010

The Domestic Relations Committee met in the Supreme Court Courtroom for a public hearing from 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and then at the Indiana Judicial Center from 1:20 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 2010.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, Frances G. Hill [public hearing only], Karen M. Love, Sheryl L. Lynch, Lynn Murray, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, Debbie J. Shook, Richard R. Stalbrink, Dean A. Young, and William C. Fee, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Lindsey Borschel, Web Coordinator, Division of State Court Administration; Robert Monday, PACE; Stuart Showalter, Indiana Custodial Rights Advocates; and Jason Cannon and Randy Conrad, Indiana Shared Parenting were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the committee on March 19, 2010 were approved by the committee.
5. Review of Parenting Time Guidelines.
 - a. Committee members discussed various areas mentioned in the public hearing including not blindly following the parenting time guidelines (PTG); whether there should be a 50/50 presumption of parenting; guidelines addressing a special needs child; adding a glossary of terms; enforcement of parenting time on behalf of the noncustodial parent if parenting time denied by the custodial parent or on behalf of the custodial parent if the child must wait for the noncustodial parent to pick up the child or sporadic parenting time with a child focus on either situation; better and more quantifiable measures to determine enforcement issues, better tools for enforcement of parenting time issues and quicker determination of parenting time issue; prevention of any changes to the use of the PTG in domestic violence situations; stepparent issues; and alienation issues.
 - b. Committee members agreed to draft revisions in the following areas:

(1) Holiday schedule	Schurger/Lynch	July 16, 2010
(2) Weekends generally/three weekends	Schurger/Lynch	July 16, 2010
(3) Summer vacation	Lynch/Fee	July 16, 2010
(4) Opportunity for Additional Parenting Time	Murray/Love	August 20, 2010
(5) Scheduled Parenting Time To Occur as Planned	Love/Fee	October 22, 2010
(6) Enforcement of Parenting Time/Enforcement on a Timely Basis/Contempt	Love/Fee	October 22, 2010
(7) Presume More Time for Noncustodial Parent (NCP)/Protection of NCP rights/Overnights/Overnights for Infants	Raduenz/Young/Fee	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(8) Equal Parenting Time	Raduenz/Young	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(9) Distance, Out-of-state Parenting Time	Bobay/Hill	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(10) Transportation issues in state	Bobay/Hill	Nov. 18-19, 2010
(11) Family Violence/Child Abuse	Bobay/Hill	January 21, 2011
(12) One parents speaks negative of other/Alienation	Shook/Stalbrink	January 21, 2011
(13) Communication generally/communication about	Shook/Stalbrink	January 21, 2011

	education/Medical/virtual parenting time		
(14)	PTG helps plan ahead/use of calendar/tone of cooperation	Fee/Hill	Feb. 18, 2011
(15)	PTG for special needs child(ren)	Fee/Hill	Feb. 18, 2011
(16)	Relocation	Bobay	March 18, 2011
(17)	Make up time	Bobay	March 18, 2011

Judge Fee agreed to provide due dates for the revisions above and placement of revisions within a Word document of the PTG.

c. Jeffrey Bercovitz agreed to explore funding of overnights with the Department of Child Services.

6. Future meeting dates. Members of the committee agreed to meet again on Friday, July 16 and August 20, October 22 and Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19, from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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